

68projects

Queertopia. It takes a village.

Exhibition duration: 27 June – 5 September 2015

Location: 68projects, Fasanenstraße 68, D-10719 Berlin (Tue - Sat, 11am - 6pm)

Opening: Saturday, 27 June, 6 – 9pm

Patron: Boris Dittrich, Advocacy Director LGBT Rights at Human Rights Watch

This summer 68projects' exhibition "Queertopia" will present works by over 25 artists: using oil paintings, works on paper, videos, installations, photos, sculptures and other media the artists explore the themes of corporality, sexuality, gender identity and the expectations of a society based on a binary gender model.

In our society everyone is classified as either male or female. This binary conception results in a system of pre-defined desires, needs and roles, which are tailor-made for men, women and the heterosexual relation between the two sexes.

But what happens if we think one or even several steps further? If we no longer regard gender roles and relations as fixed, but as continual attempts to experience ourselves as active subjects within society? What could an interplay with socially necessary norms look like? How malleable are our conceptions of partnership, identity and body? Where are the limits? Can a single subject in our society act out all its desires? What defines the compromises, which make social interaction possible, and how much equivocation, as the basis for a varied self-realisation, can society bear? What does the individual have to contribute and what is society's duty?

"Queertopia" offers this space and reflects playfully, humorously and critically on the ideal of perfect love, free from social constraints and gender norms. With its diverse selection of works by queer, homo- and heterosexual artists, 68projects wants to render visible and inspire queer life-worlds in the domain of art.

Participating artists: Alexandra Baumgartner, Norbert Bisky, Beka Bolkvadze, Carina Brandes, Kelli Jean Drinkwater, Anita Dube, EVA&ADELE, Arlene Gottfried, Bertram Hasenauer, Roey Heifetz, Yousef Iskandar, Rajkamal Kahlon, Jürgen Klauke, Rona Kobel, Friedrich Kunath, Servando Cabrera Moreno, Kieran Moore, Jack Pierson, Benyamin Reich, Michael Rockel, Jehoshua Rozenman, Christian Schad, Elizabeth Schmir, Karlheinz Weinberger and others.